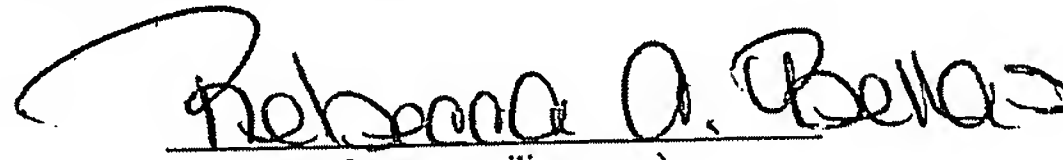
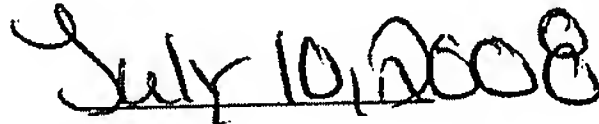


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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated January 10, 2008. A petition for a three month extension of time is hereby made. Kindly enter the following amendments and new claims.